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1. DEAN NUGENT PLANS TO ARRIVE WARSAW FROM LENINGRAD AT 2220 HOURS DECEMBER 3 (WILSON DID NOT GET FLIGHT NUMBER). HAS RESERVATION AT FORUM. LEAVES FOR VIENNA AT 1325 HOURS DECEMBER 5. WILL CABLE FROM MOSCOW IF ARRIVAL PLANS CHANGE.

2. NUGENT HAS NOT REPEAT NOT SEEN LATEST DRAFT AGREEMENT MENTIONED REF A AND POUCHED US OCTOBER 24. WILSON BRIEFED HIM NOVEMBER 17 AND NUGENT WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS PROPOSED COOPERATION ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS. HE WILL NOT BE IN POSITION TO COMMENT AUTHORITATIVELY ON NEW POLISH DRAFT AND WILL NOT CONVEY CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE US RECIPROCITY. HOPES, HOWEVER, TO GET MORE INFORMATION FROM POLES WHICH WILL ASSIST INDIANA, ILLINOIS AND POSSIBLY MUCIA TO FORMULATE RESPONSE ON RECIPROCITY QUESTION.

3. FYI. WE HAVE NOT CONVEYED SPECIFIC RECIPROCITY PRO-
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POSAL NOTED PARA 2 REF A TO ILLINOIS. CERTAIN DEGREE OF

ACADEMIC POLITICS IS INVOLVED IN PROPOSAL THAT ILLINOIS

OR INDIANA (OR BOTH) OR MUCIA TAKE ON RESPONSIBILITY OF HOSTING POLISH CENTER, AND WE AGREED MONTHS AGO TO WORK THROUGH WILSON AND NOT MAKE SEPARATE APPROACH TO OTHER UNIVERSITIES. WILSON IS SINCERELY INTERESTED IN WORKING WITH ILLINOIS AND WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO WORK THIS QUESTION OUT AFTER POLES HAVE DECIDED WHAT KIND OF RECIPROCAL ARRANGEMENTS THEY REQUIRE. END FYI.

4. IN LATE DEVELOPMENT, ILLINOIS PROFESSORS RALPH FISCHER AND KEITH HUTCHINS CALLED CU NOVEMBER 18 AFTER RECEIVING LETTER FROM FARNHAM ABOUT POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLISH STUDIES CENTER AT ILLINOIS. THEY SAID IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE TO CREATE CENTER IN COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES BY EXPANDING PRESENT PROGRAM OF STUDIES IN POLISH LANGUAGE, LINGUISTICS AND LITERATURE. HOWEVER, MOST OF FUNDS (ESTIMATED BY FISCHER TO BE \$55-80 THOUSAND A YEAR) TO COVER HIRING OF KNOWN US SPECIALIST IN POLISH HISTORY, EXPENSES OF VISITING PROFESSORS, GRANT TO POLISH GRADUATE STUDENT OR RESEARCH SCHOLAR EACH YEAR, THREE QUARTERS OF A SECRETARIAL POSITION, OPERATING EXPENSES, AND TRAVEL TO POLAND BY ILLINOIS OFFICIALS ASSOCIATED WITH CENTER WOULD HAVE TO COME FROM OUTSIDE UNIVERSITY. WE SAID THAT, WHILE CU COULD COVER CERTAIN EXPENSES, SUCH AS VISITING POLISH PROFESSORS, POLISH GRADUATE STUDENTS AND TRAVEL OF ILLINOIS OFFICIALS TO POLAND IN CONNECTION WITH EXCHANGE, WE COULD NOT FUND AMERICANS TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES IN US OR COVER OPERATING COSTS. WE SUGGESTED ILLINOIS EXPLORE SHARING EXPENSES WITH INDIANA AND MUCIA PARTICIPATION DURING NOVEMBER 19 MEETING IN CHICAGO.

5. CARRYING OUT PRESENTLY KNOWN POLISH DESIRES ON RECIPROCITY COULD INVOLVE US EXPENDITURES OF UP TO \$100,000 ANNUALLY TO OPERATE TWO STUDIES CENTERS. UNLESS POLES ACCEPT SOMETHING LESS THAN FULL SCALE CENTER ENVISIONED BY ILLINOIS, OR FUNDS CAN BE FOUND ELSEWHERE FOR ILLINOIS/INDIANA OR MUCIA INVOLVEMENT, WE QUESTION WHETHER ASC IS WORTH THE DIVERSION OF THIS AMOUNT FROM THE CU ALLOCATION FOR POLAND. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BARTNICKI AND OTHERS ALONG LINES PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REF B MAY REVEAL LESS EXPENSIVE ALTERNATIVES, WHICH MIGHT BE FUNDED WITHIN PRESENT BUDGET LIMITATIONS AND WITHOUT REDUCING OTHER IMPORTANT PROGRAMS. KISSINGER

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